



The Lost Treasure of Cybertron

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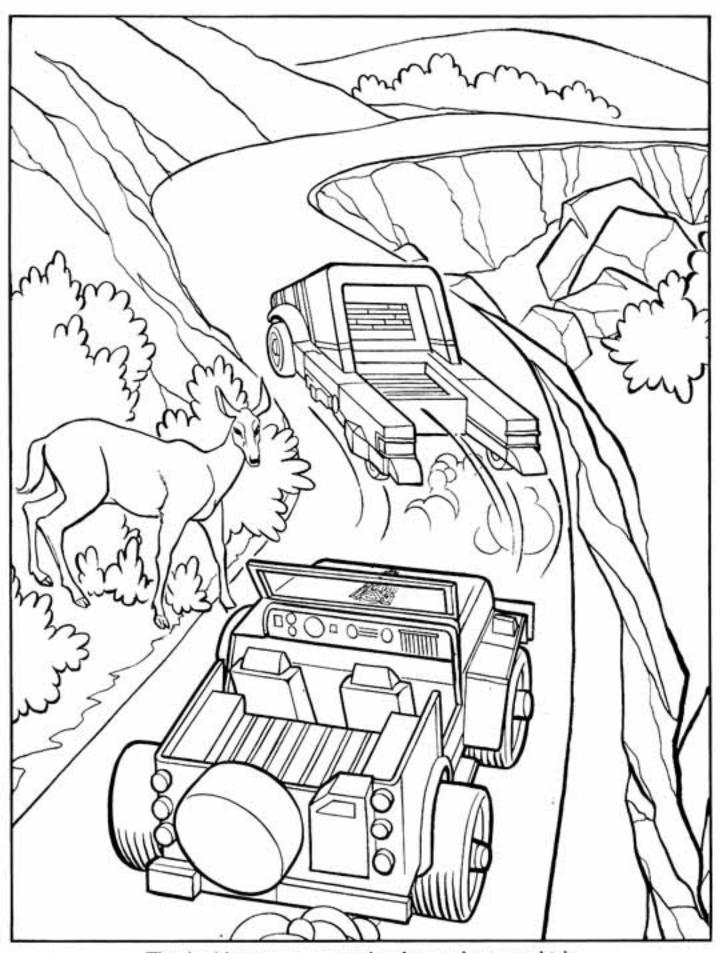
DECEPTICON



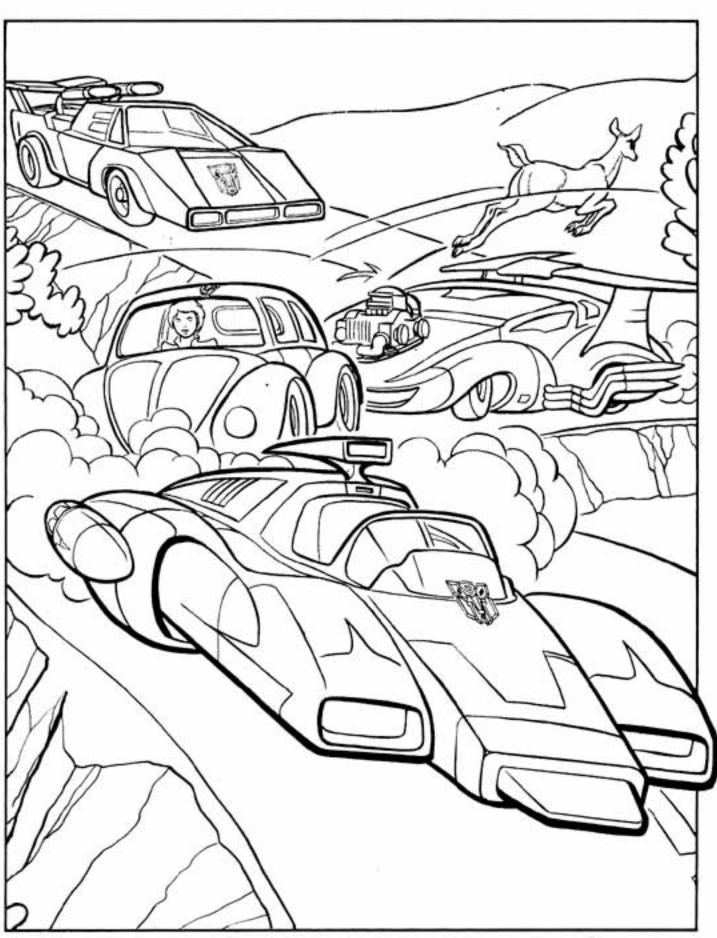
AUTOBOT



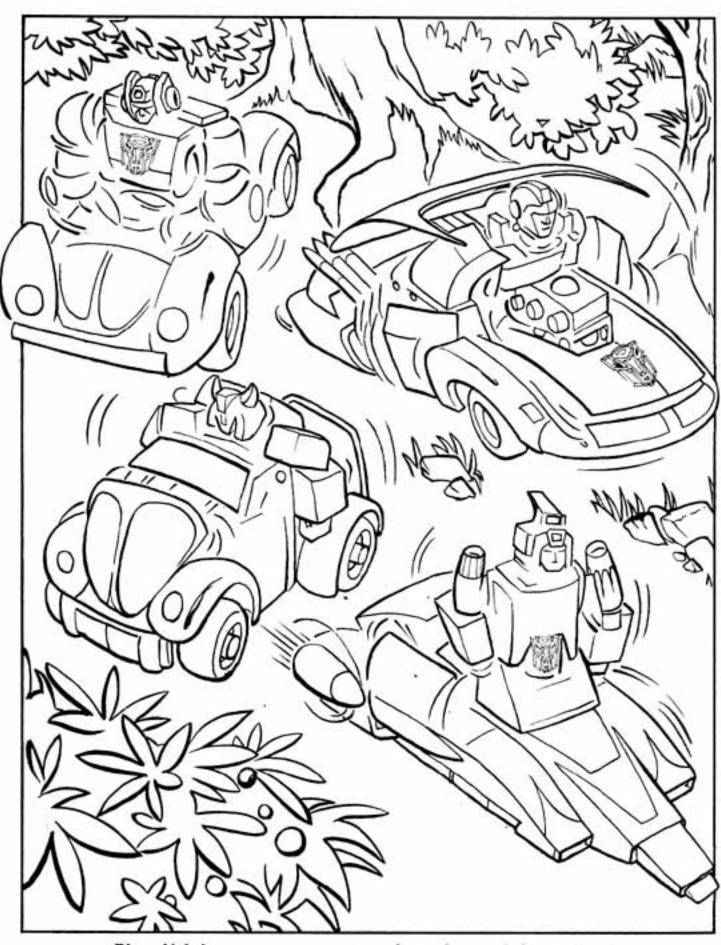
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The Autobots were returning from a long road trip. Hot Rod's good friend Daniel was along for the ride.



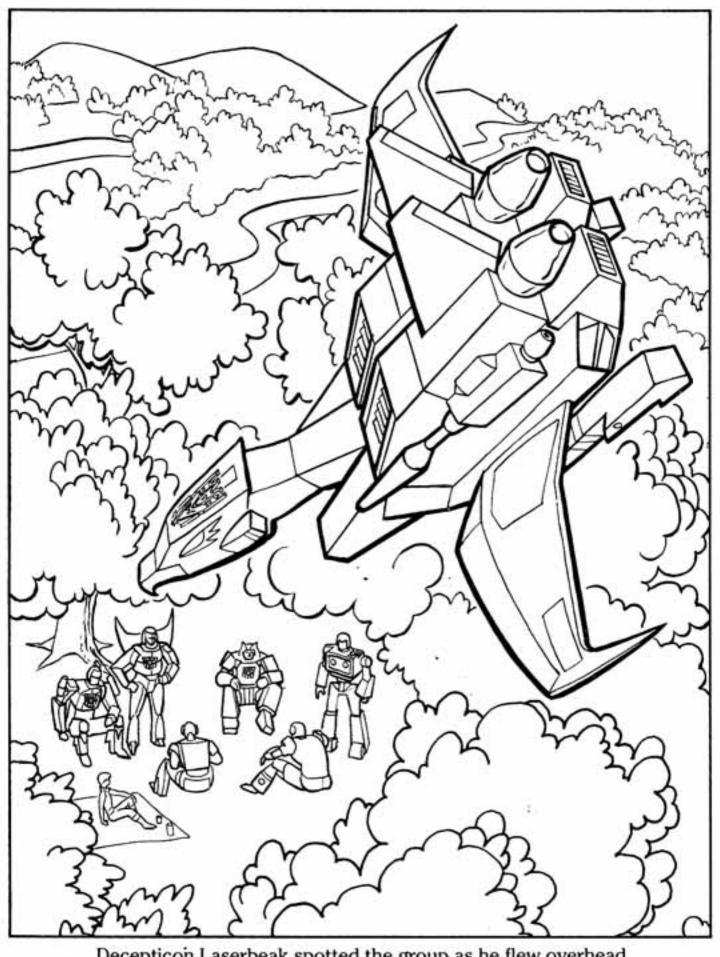
"Slow down," the wise old Autobot Kup yelled to the others. "We're running low on energy. We'd better pull over and refuel."



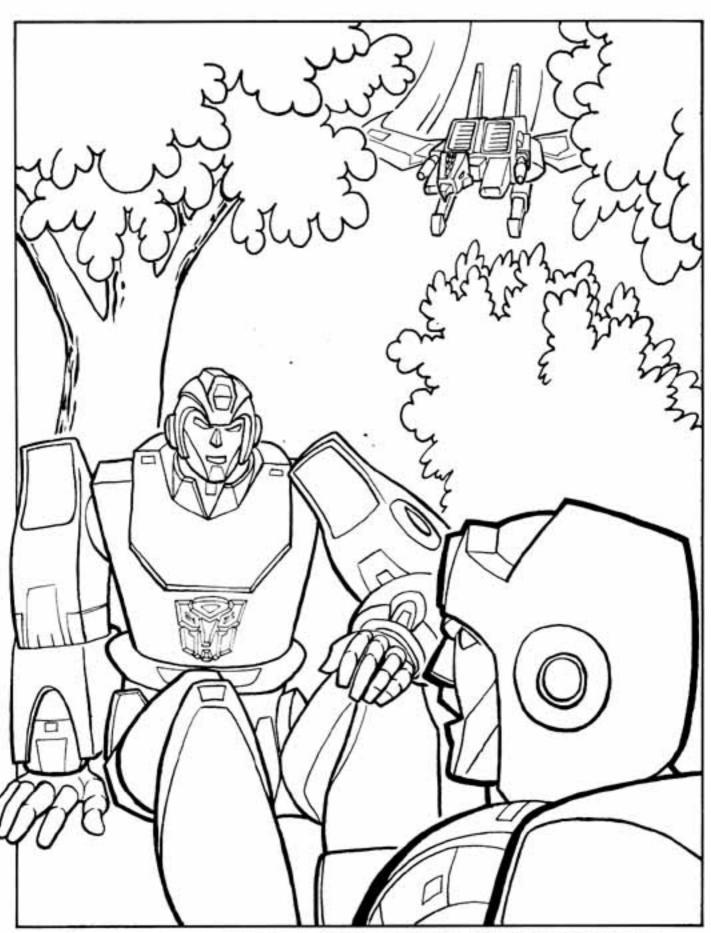
Blurr led the way to a rest stop along the road. Immediately everybody transformed.



Then they loaded up on powerful energon cubes. Energon cubes are a valuable source of energy for all Transformers.



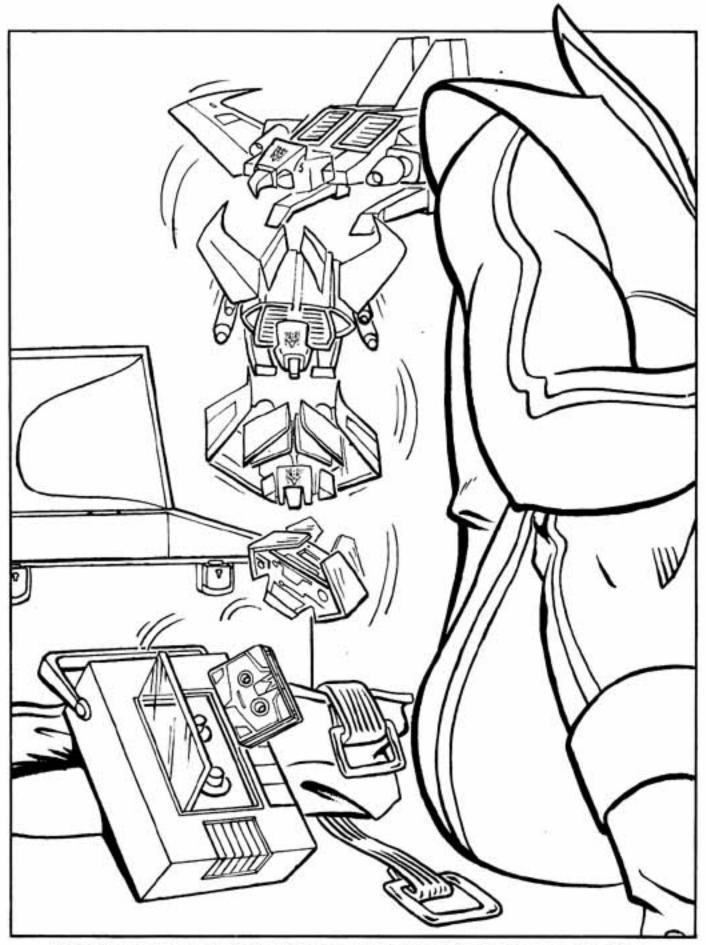
Deception Laserbeak spotted the group as he flew overhead. "What's that suspicious-looking bunch up to?" he thought.



Laserbeak swooped closer to investigate just as Hot Rod asked Kup to tell a story.



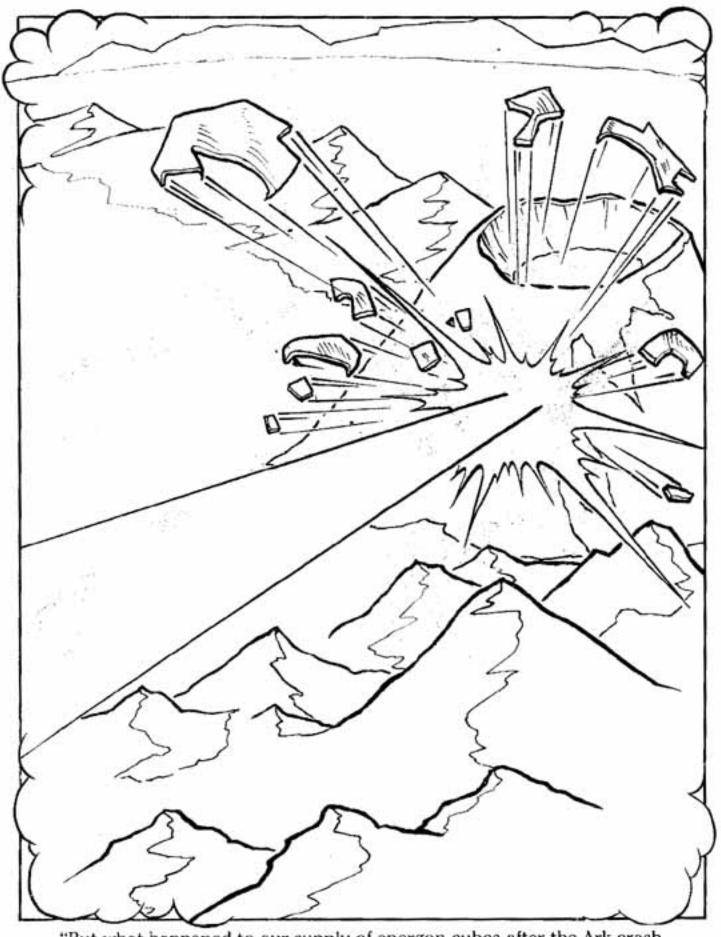
"Somewhere on Earth," Kup began, "there's a stash of energon cubes just waiting to be found!"



"I can't miss any of this!" said Laserbeak. He switched to cassette form and slipped into Daniel's tape recorder unnoticed.



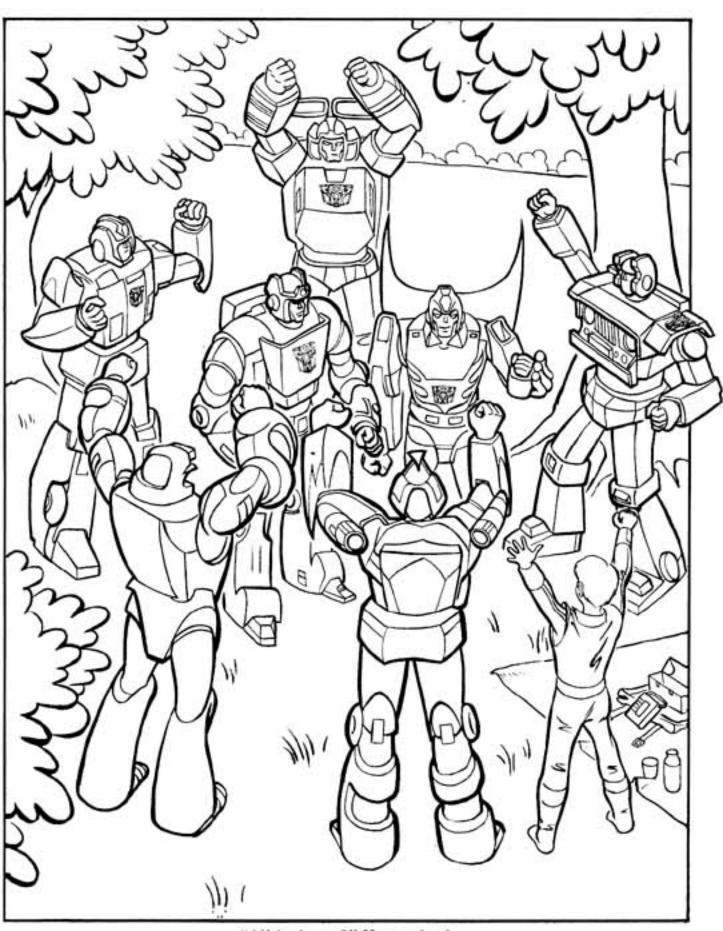
"Long ago when we left Cybertron, the most precious cargo on board the Ark was a supply of energon cubes," Kup continued.



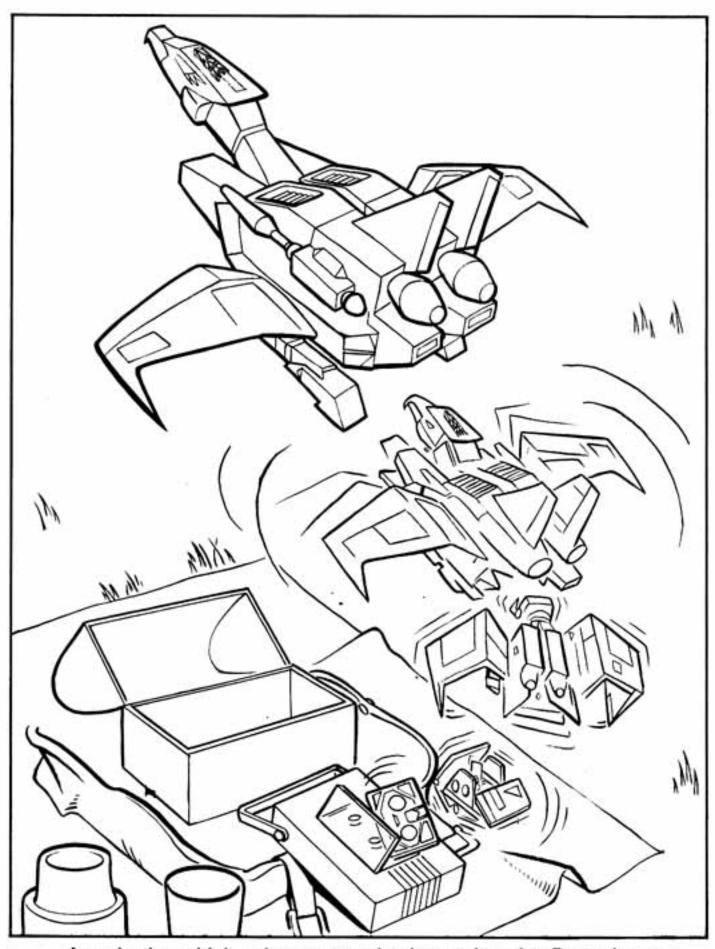
"But what happened to our supply of energon cubes after the Ark crash landed into Mt. St. Hillary's volcano is still a mystery!" Kup concluded.



Instantly Hot Rod, had a great idea. "Let's go on a hunt to find that lost cargo of energon cubes!" he said to Kup.



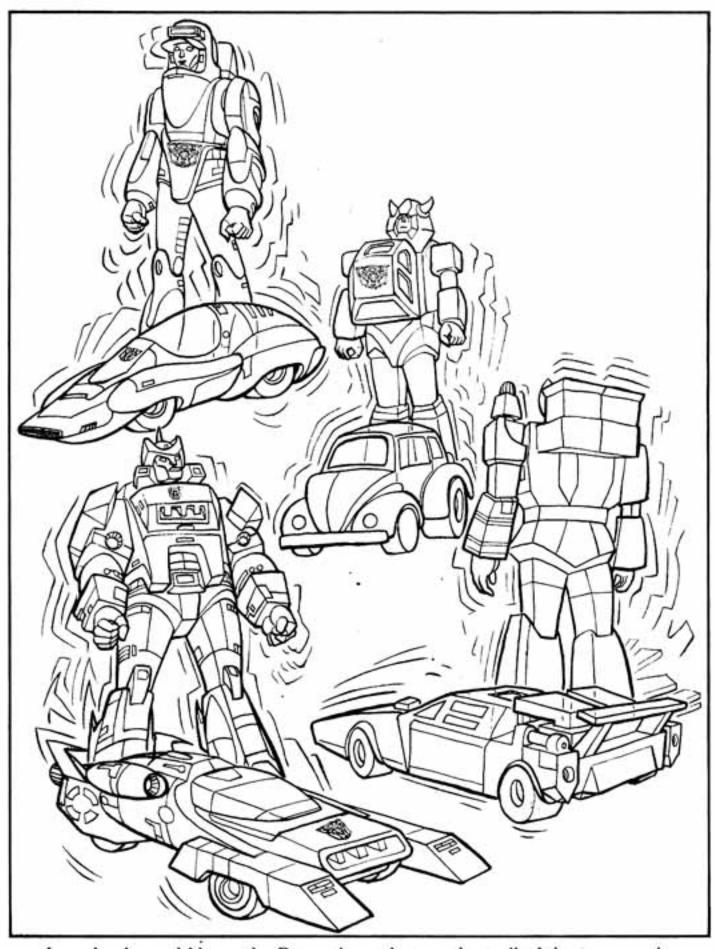
"All in favor?" Kup asked.
"Yeah!" shouted the others enthusiastically.



Laserbeak couldn't wait to report what he overheard to Deception leader, Galvatron.



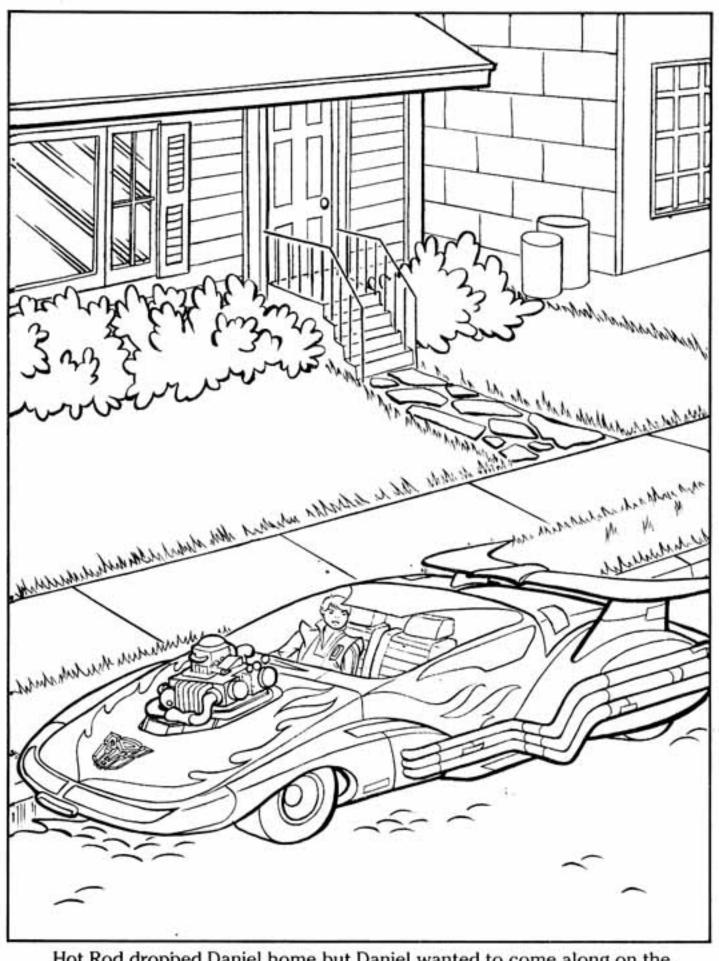
Autobot Sunstreaker and Springer discovered Laserbeak fleeing and tried to stop him in flight!



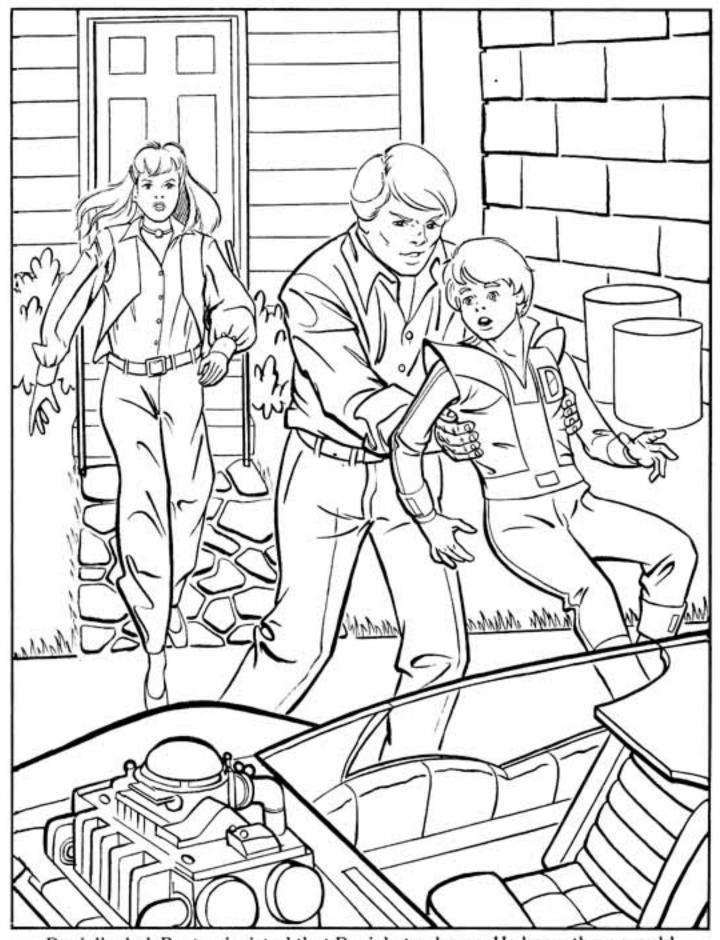
Laserbeak would have the Deceptions hot on the trail of the treasure in no time. The Autobots had to move fast!



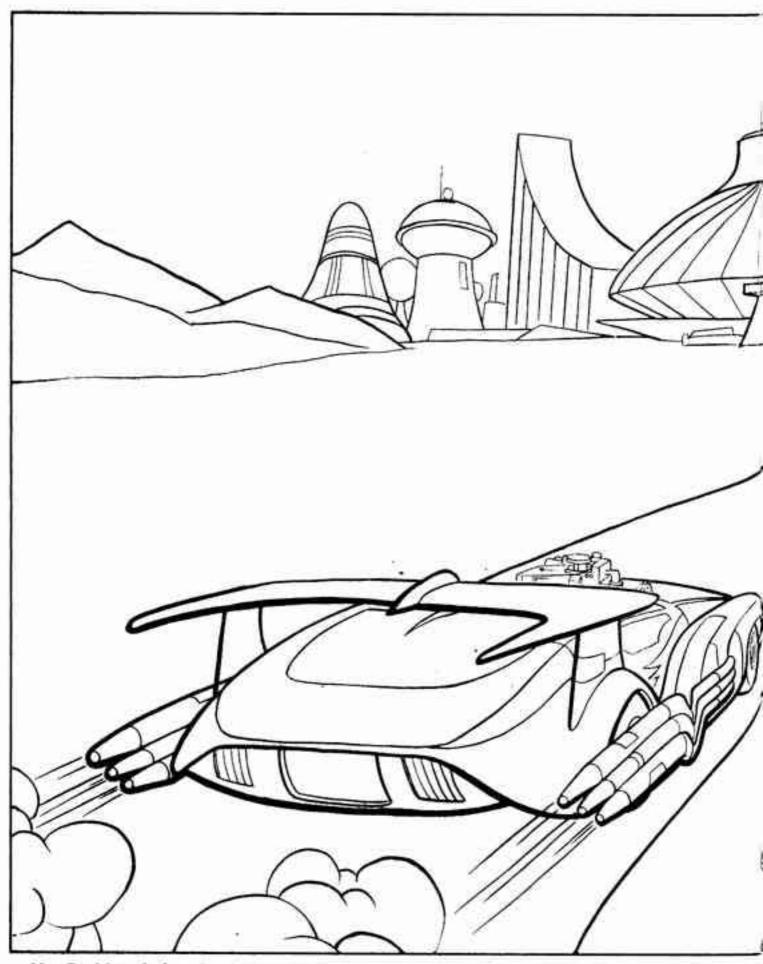
Blurr raced ahead to the Autobot City Metroplex to report everything to Autobot leader Ultra Magnus.



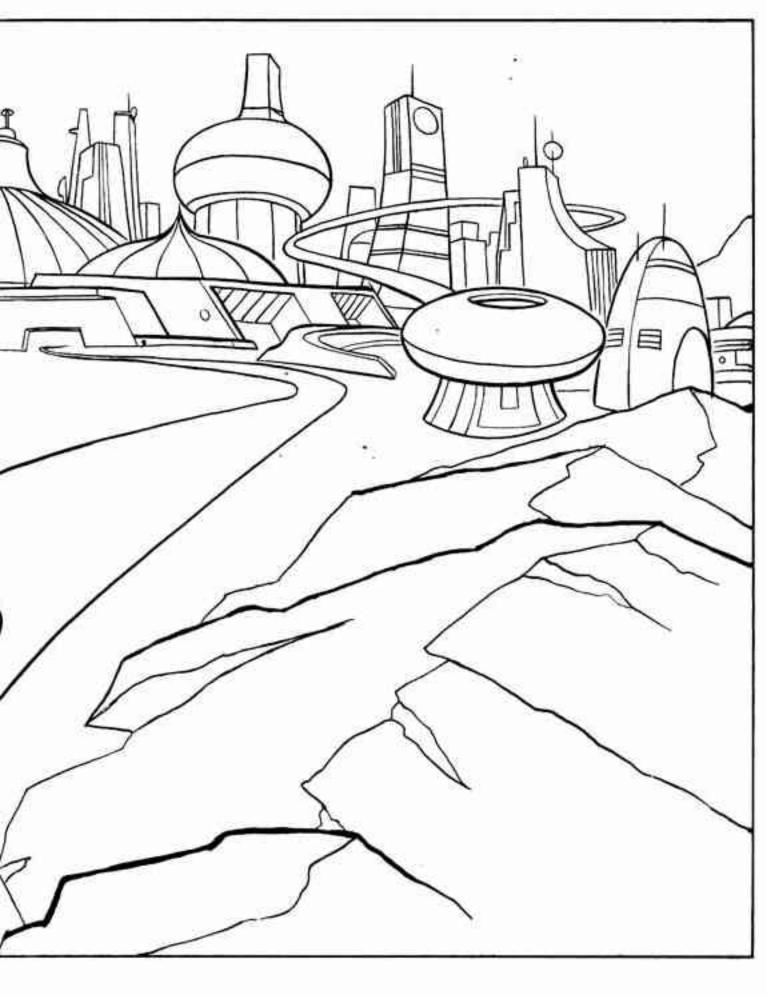
Hot Rod dropped Daniel home but Daniel wanted to come along on the treasure hunt.

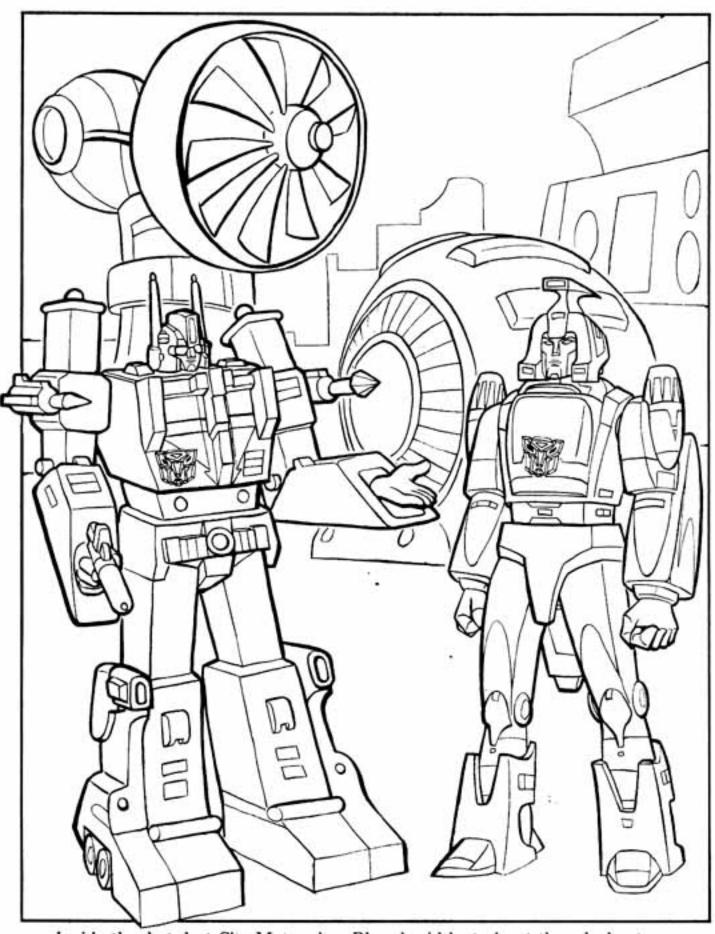


Daniel's dad, Buster, insisted that Daniel stay home. He knew there would be trouble if the Decepticons went after the treasure. He didn't want Daniel in the middle of it.

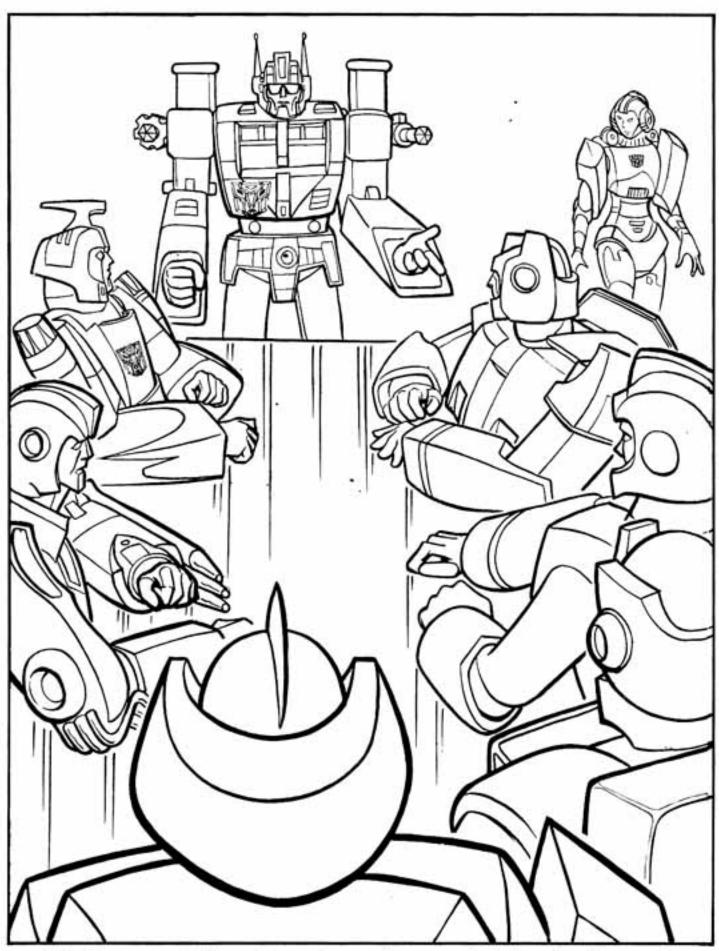


Hot Rod headed to the Autobot city to meet with the rest of the Autobot force.

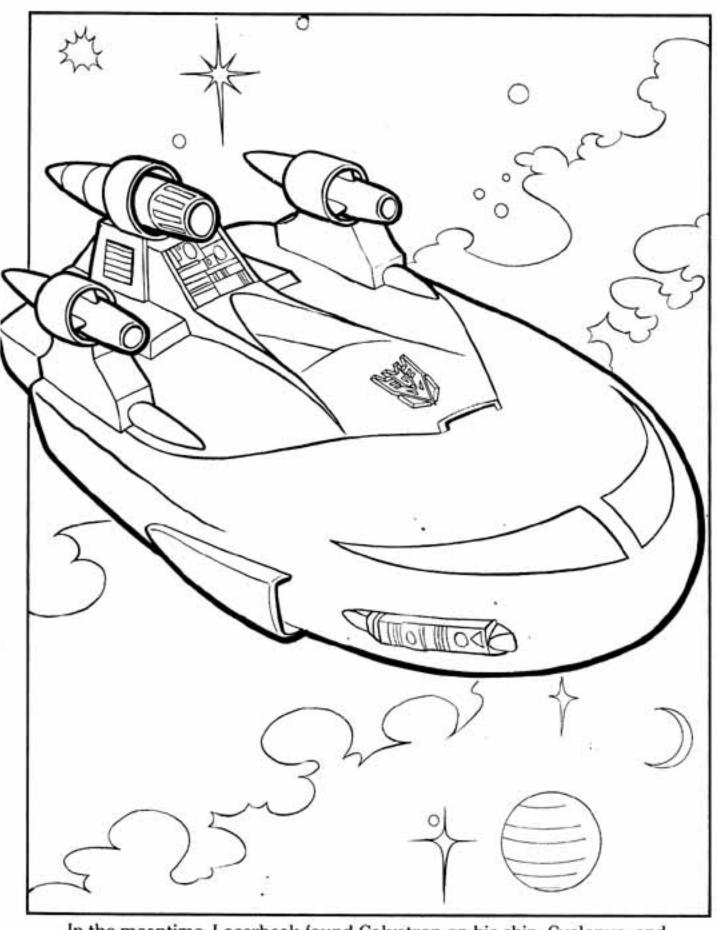




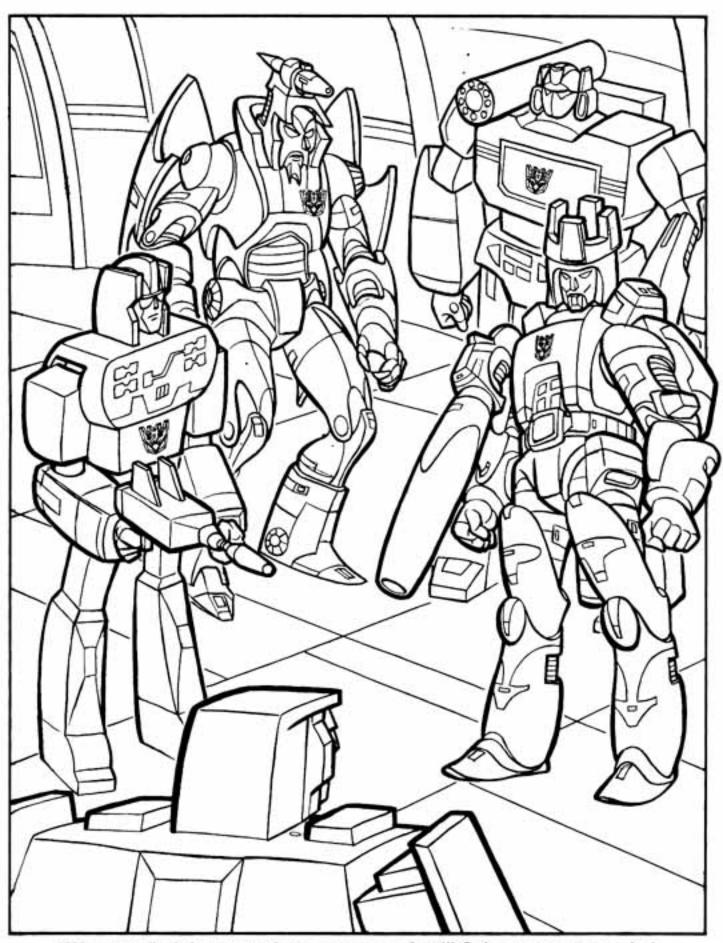
Inside the Autobot City Metroplex, Blurr had blurted out the whole story to Ultra Magnus in split seconds. "Slow down!" said Ultra Magnus. "Slow down!"



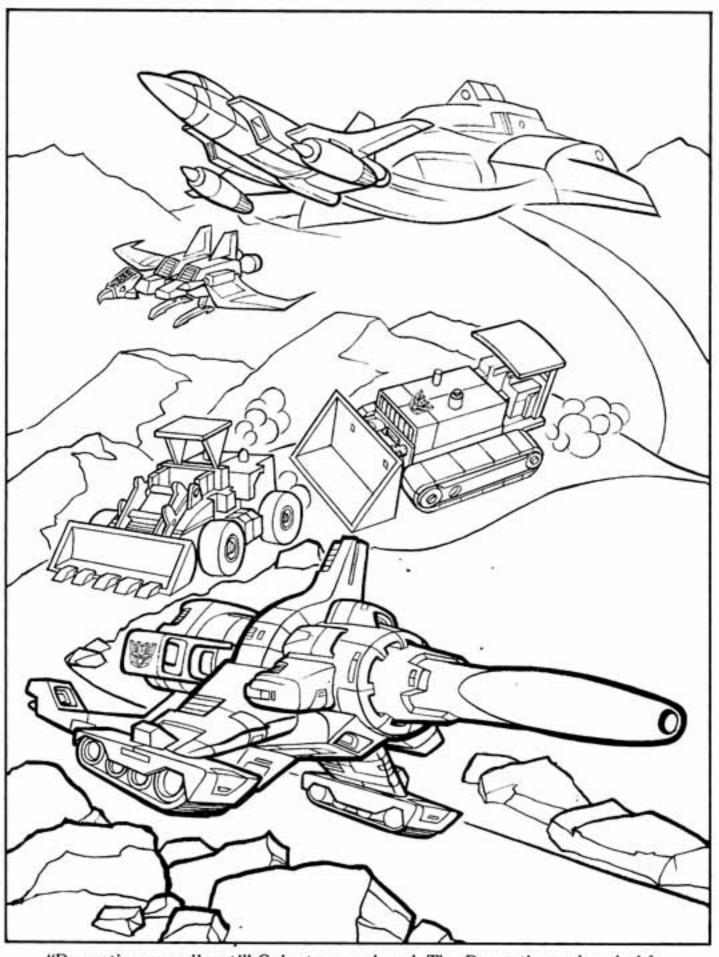
Ultra Magnus called a quick conference to map out strategy for the search.



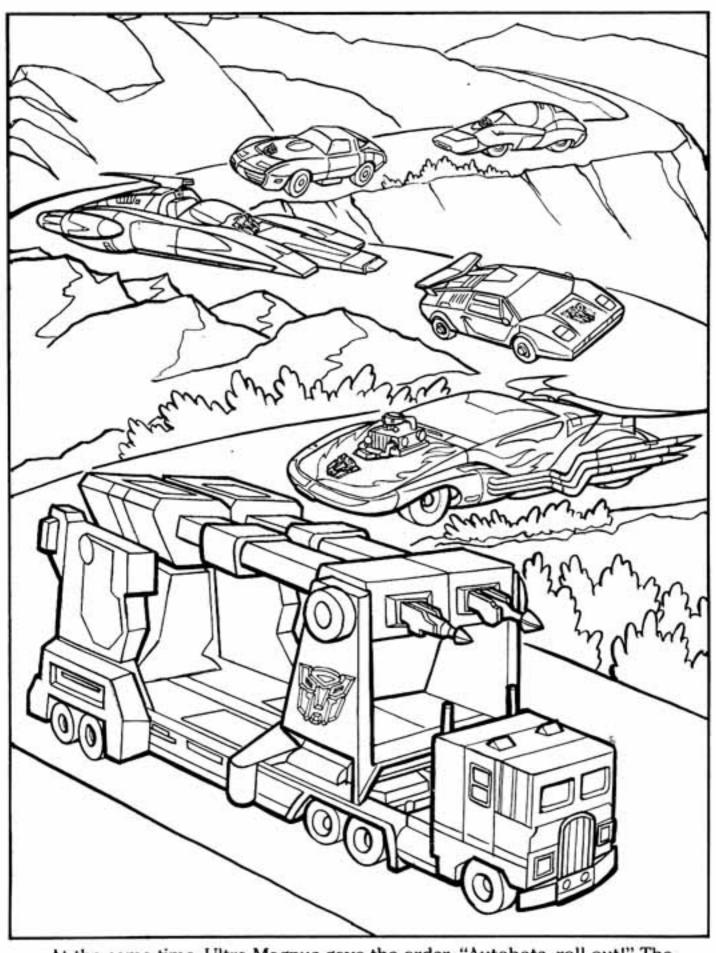
In the meantime, Laserbeak found Galvatron on his ship, Cyclonus, and gave him the news of the lost treasure.



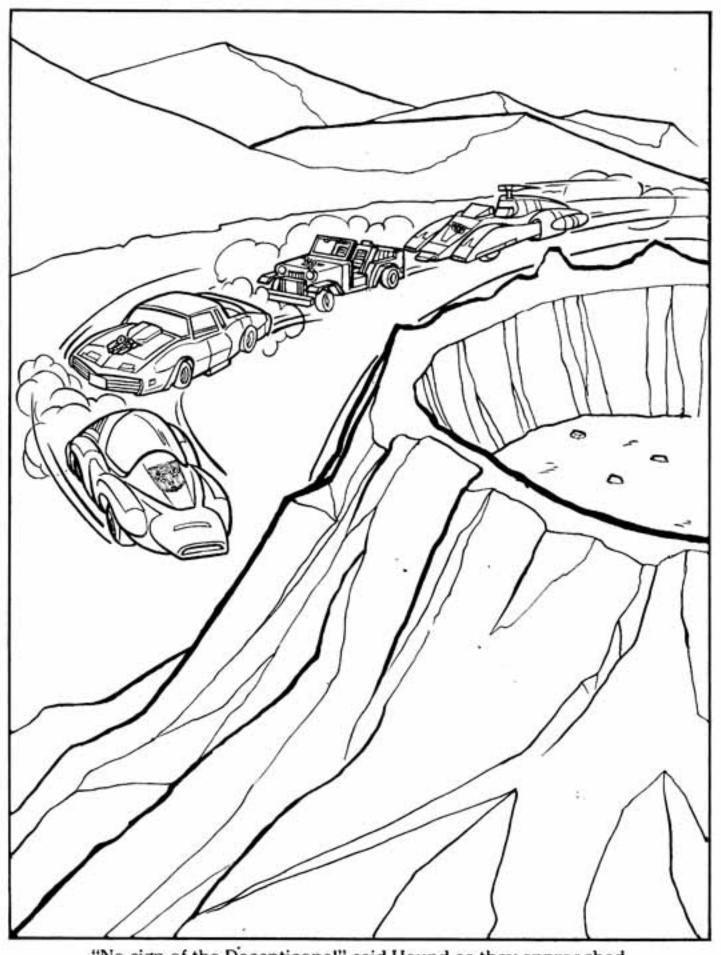
"We must find those precious energon cubes!" Galvatron commanded.
"Nothing will stand in our way!"



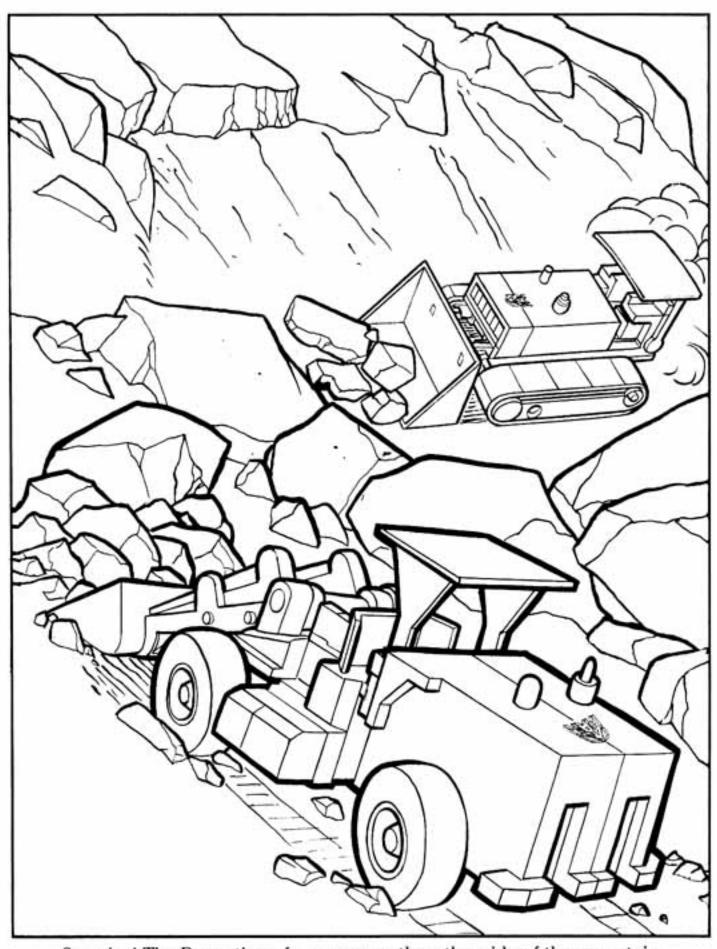
"Deceptions, roll out!" Galvatron ordered. The Deceptions headed for Mt. St. Hillary, the Ark's crash site!



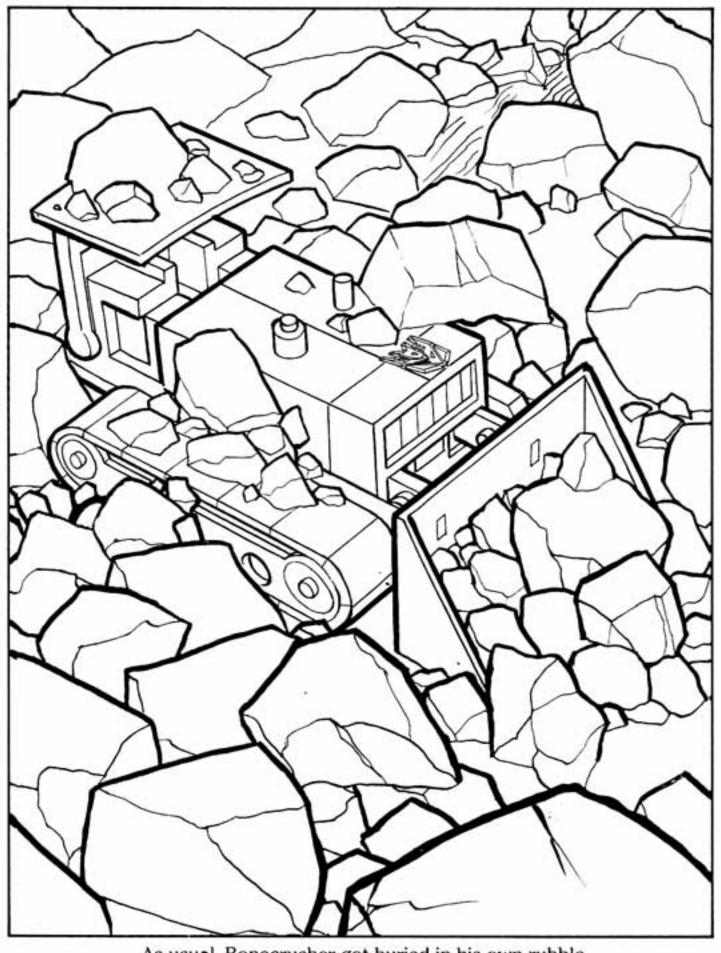
At the same time, Ultra Magnus gave the order, "Autobots, roll out!" The Autobots headed for the Ark's crash site!



"No sign of the Decepticons!" said Hound as they approached Mt. St. Hillary.



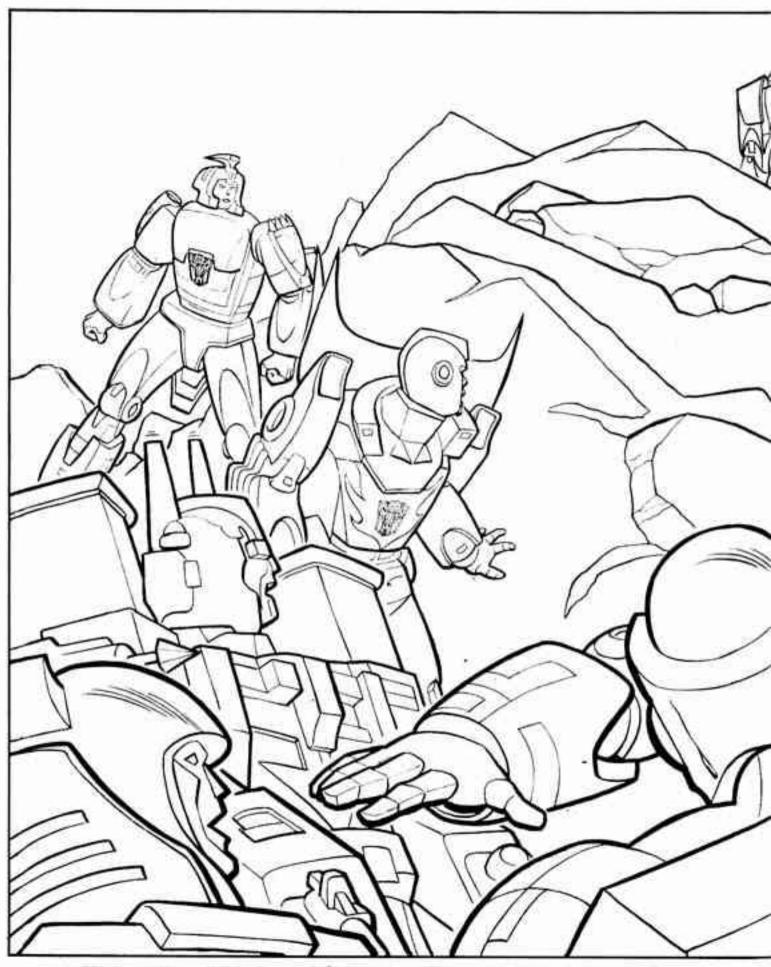
Surprise! The Deceptioon force was on the *other* side of the mountain already scavenging for the treasure!



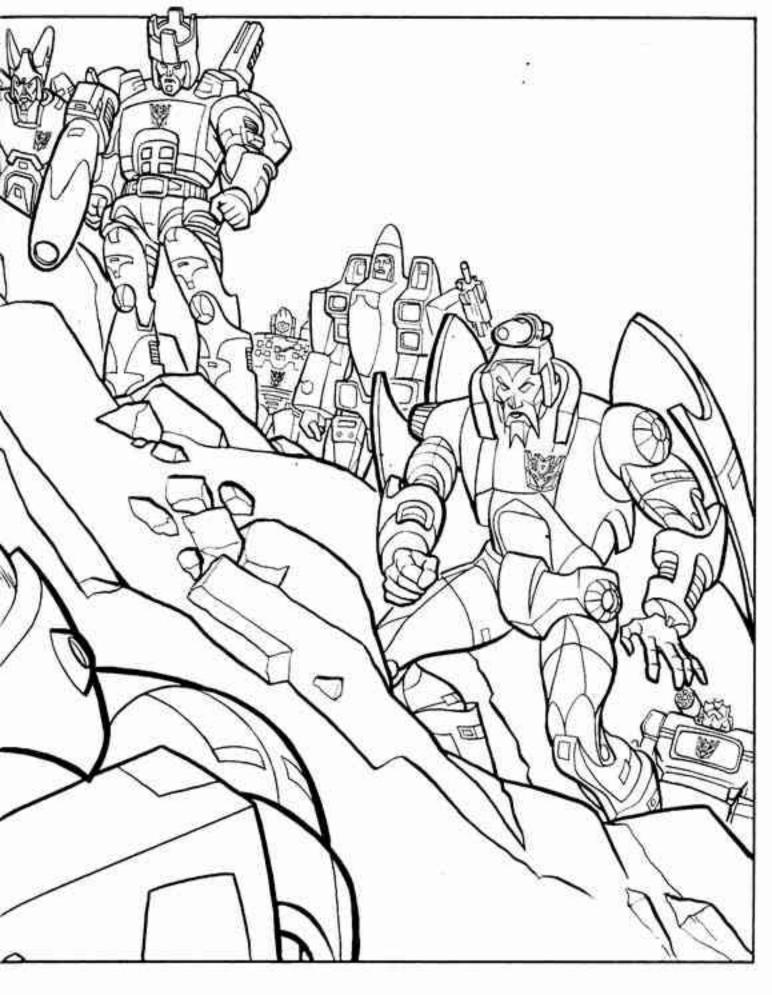
As usual, Bonecrusher got buried in his own rubble.



While he scanned the area, Scourge detected the presence of Autobots.

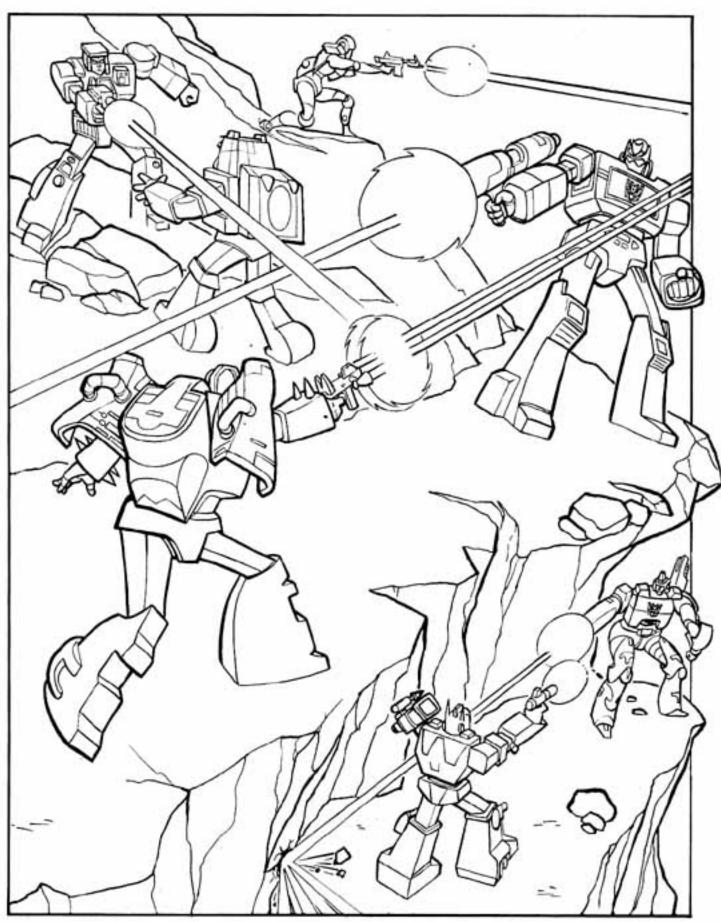


"Well, well, well," bellowed Galvatron, "I see we've got company!"

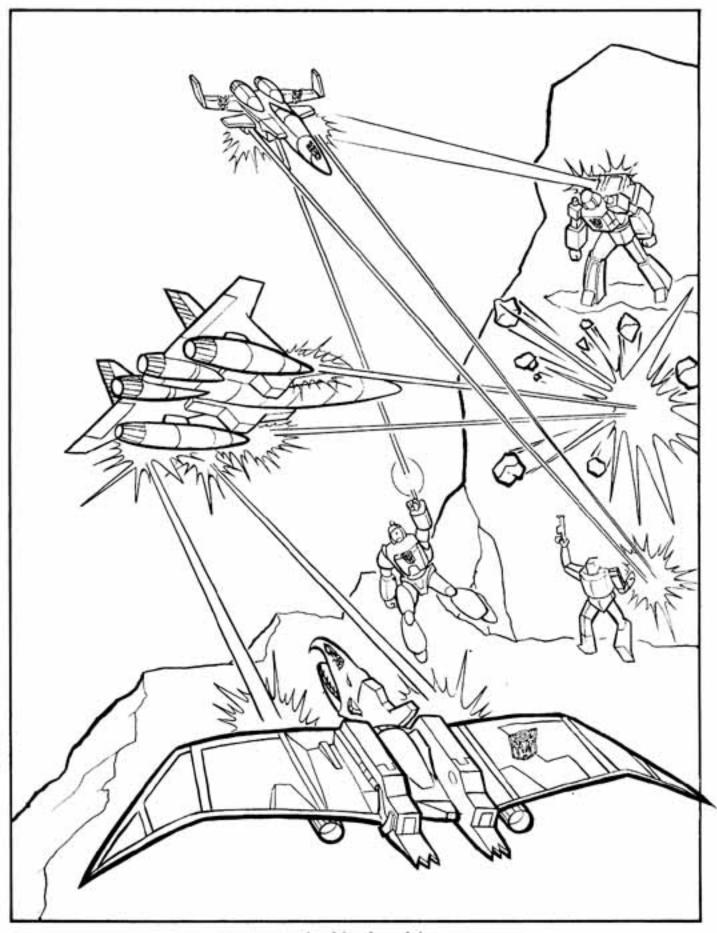




"The lost energon cubes belong to the Autobots!" roared Ultra Magnus. "Finders keepers!" Galvatron shouted back.



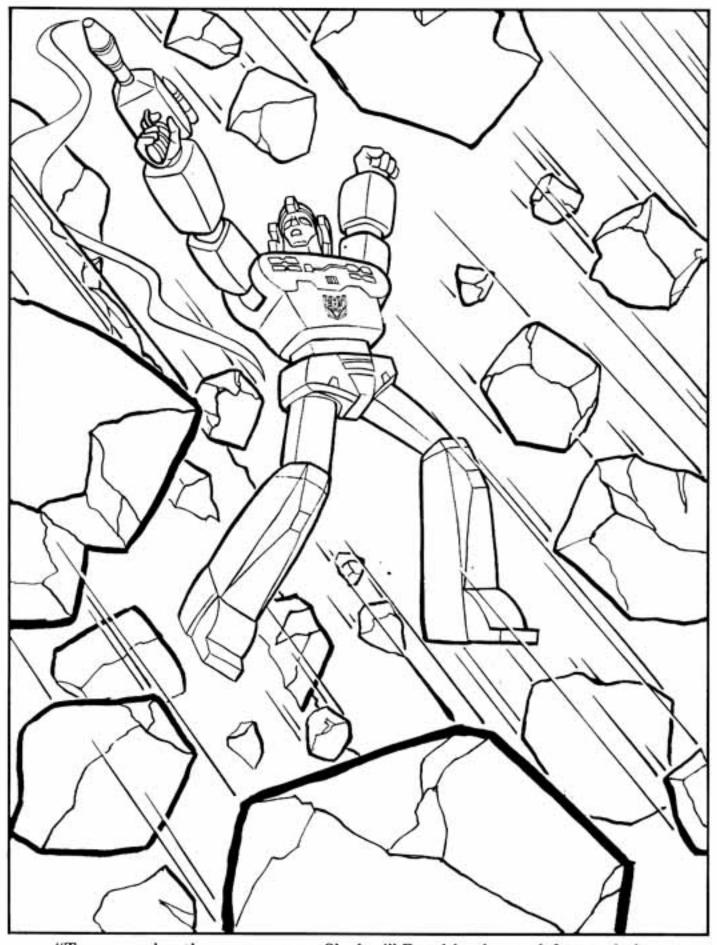
The enemy forces began a bitter battle-on the ground...



... And in the air!



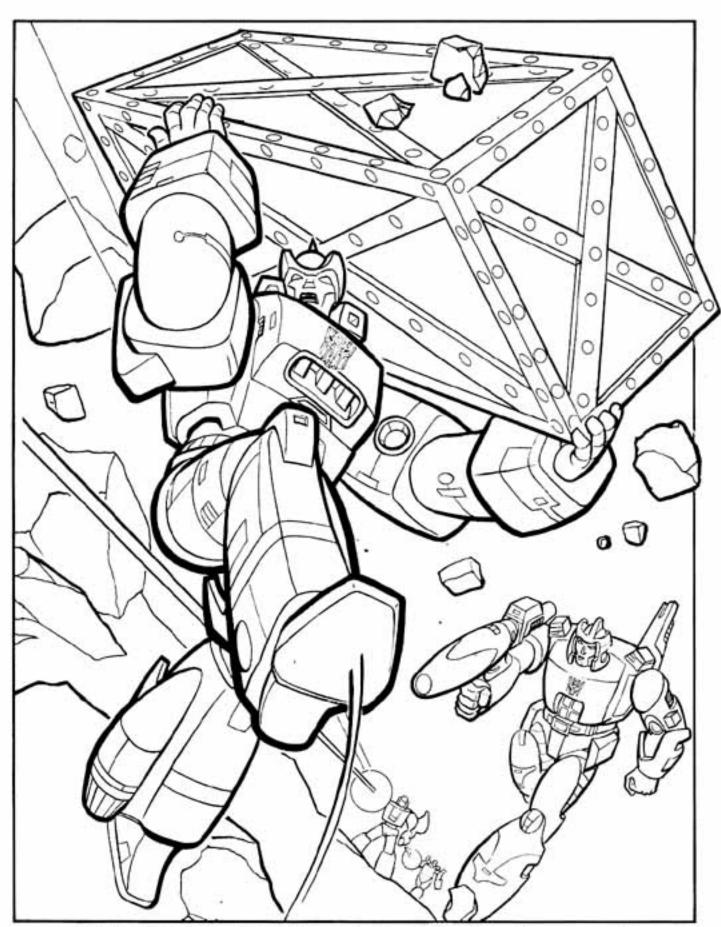
Dinobot Sludge took one powerful step towards Decepticon Rumble and cracked the mountain in two!



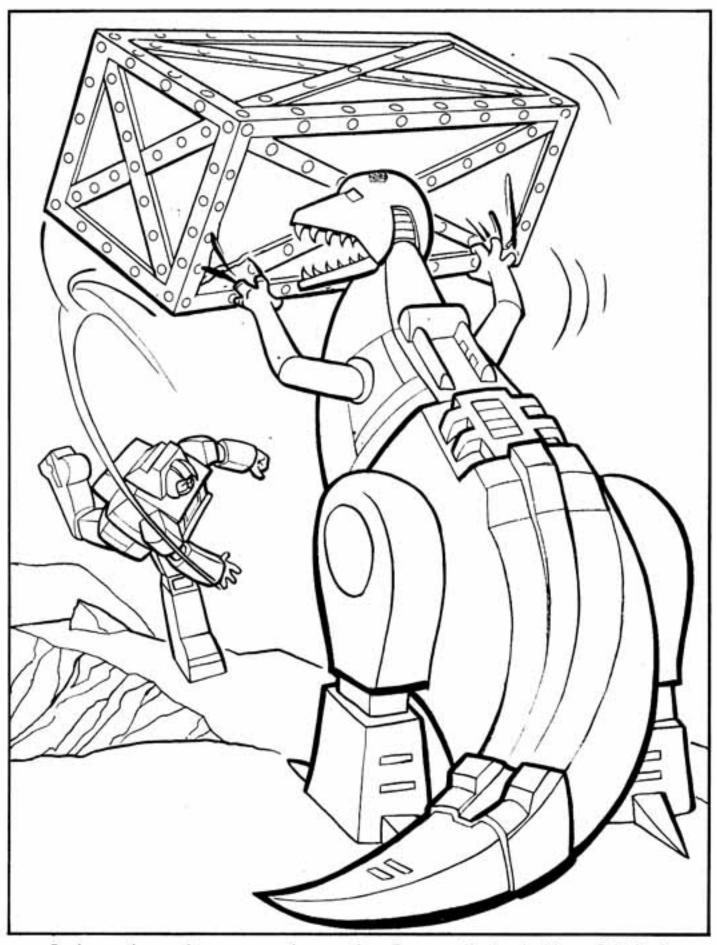
"Two can play the same game, Sludge!" Rumble shouted. Instantly he created a powerful earthquake and shattered the ground underneath!



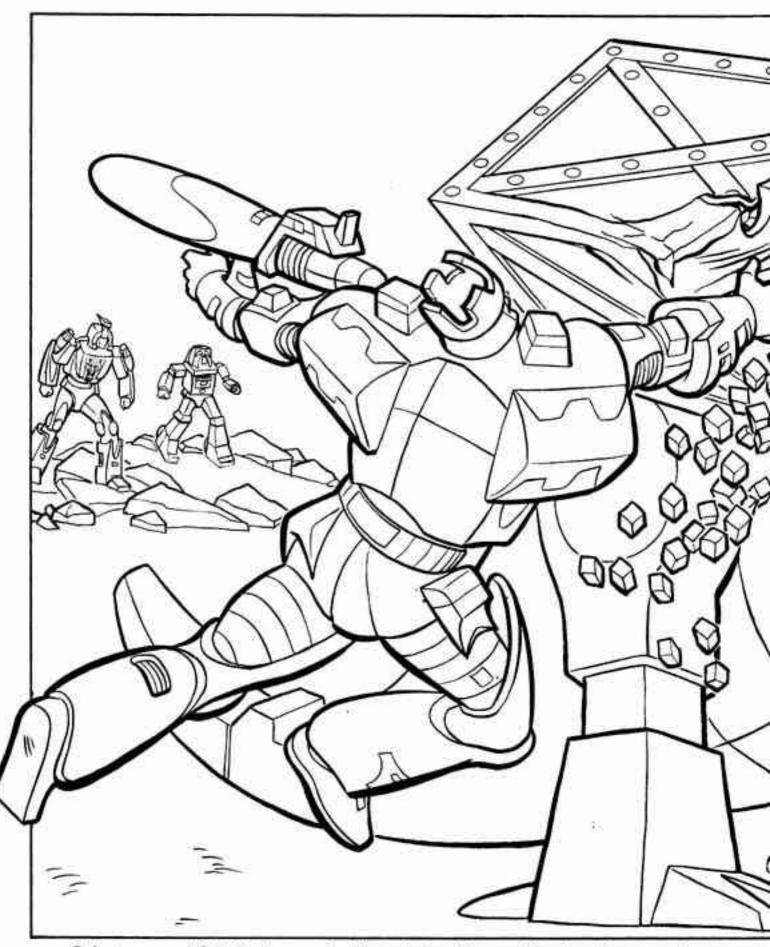
And the lost treasure peeked out from the rubble!



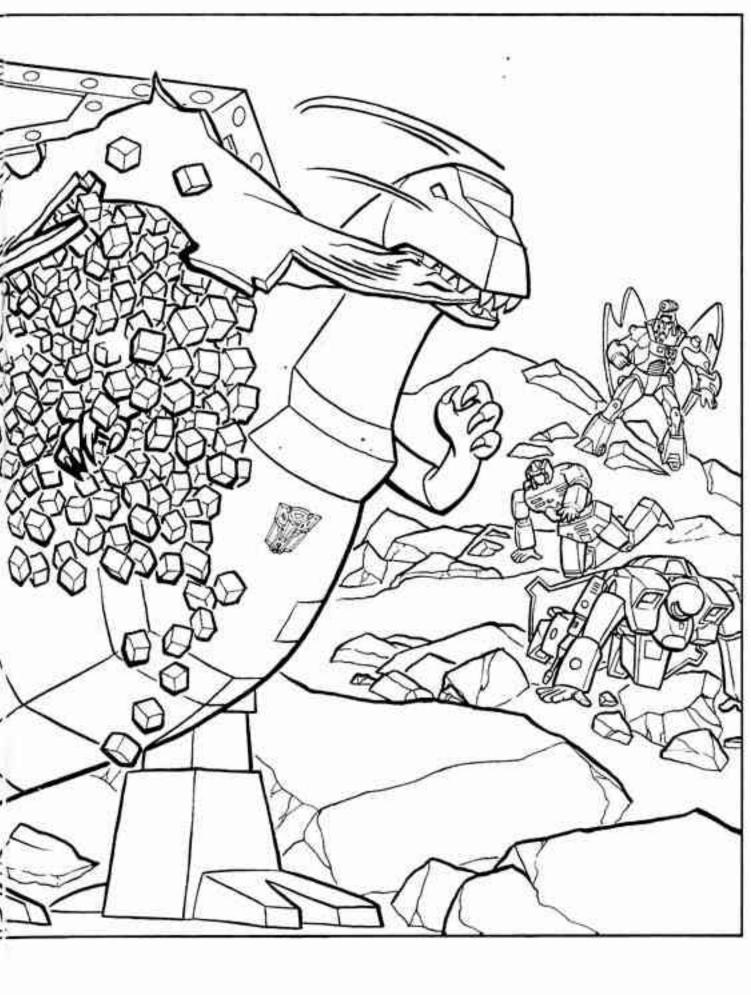
Autobot Springer seized the prized object! The Decepticons were in hot pursuit!

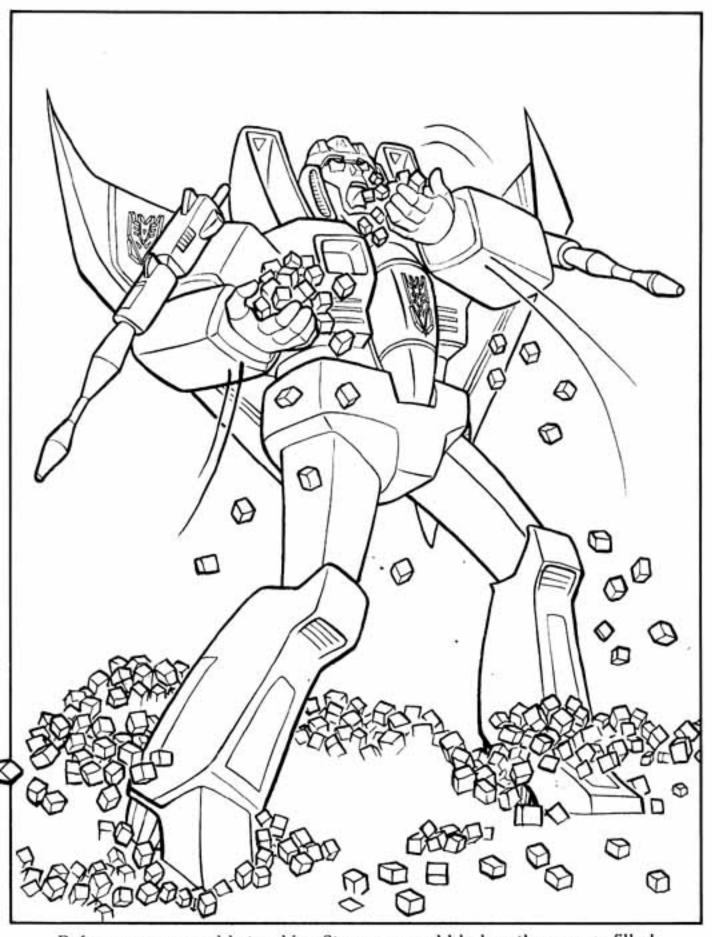


Springer threw the crate to the autobot Brawn who hurled it to Grimlock the most powerful of all Dinobots.

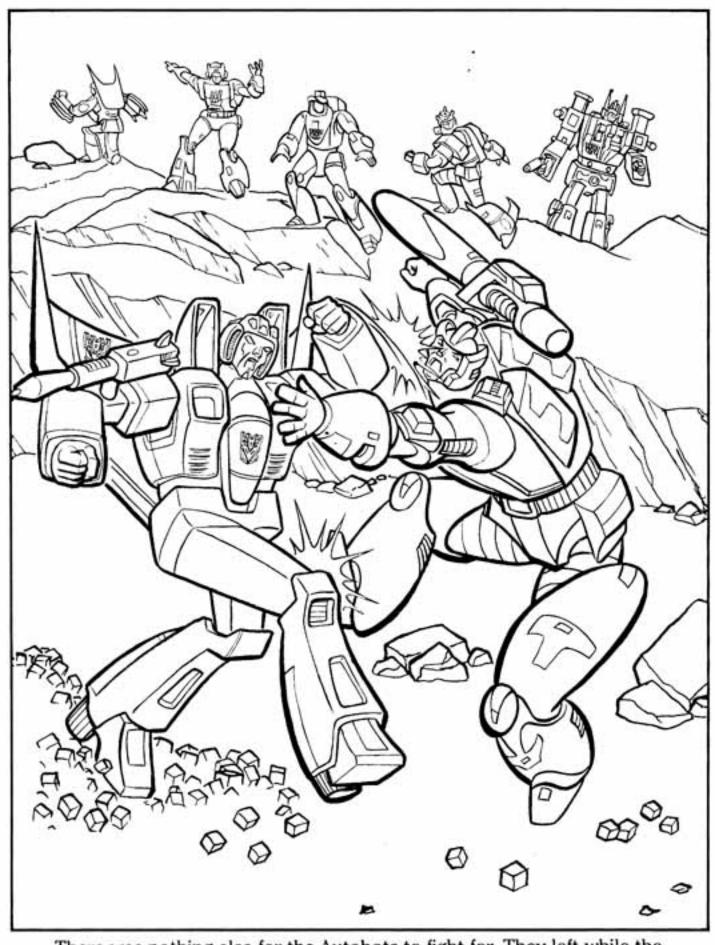


Galvatron and Grimlock wrestled fiercely for the goodies. And the metal crate busted open in Grimlock's mighty jaws!





Before anyone could stop him, Starsceam gobbled up the energy-filled cubes. "I am now the most powerful Deception. I will lead the force!" he shouted afterwards.



There was nothing else for the Autobots to fight for. They left while the two Deceptions battled for leadership!



On their way home, Hot Rod jokingly said to Kup, "How about another good oldtime story!" Everyone had a good laugh!

